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OUR MINISTERS SERMON.

The minister said last night, says he: "Don't be afraid of givin'; If your life sin't worth nothin' to other

folks, Why, what's the use of livin'?" And that's what I says to my wife, says I, There's Brown, the miserable sinner, He'd sooner a beggar would starve than Give a ceut toward buying a dinner.

I tell you our minister is prime, he is, But I could not quite determine, When I heard him a-giving it right and

left, Just who was hit by the sermon Of course there could't be no mistake When he talked of long-winded prayin', For Peters and Johnson, they sat and

acrowled At every word he was sayin'.

And the minister he went on to say, "There's various kinds of cheatin', And religion's as good for every day As it is to bring too meetin', I don't think much of the man that gives The loud amens at my preachin', And spends his time the following week In cheatin' and overreachin'.

I guess that dose was bitter enough, For a man like Jones to swaller; But I noticed he didn't open his mouth, Not once, after that, to holler; Hurrah, says I, for his minister-Of course I said it quiet-Give us some more of this open talk, It's very refreshin' diet,

The minister hit 'em every time, And when he spoke of fashion, And riggin's out in bows and things, And woman's rulin' passion, And coming to church to see she styles, I couldn't help a-winkin' And nudgin' my wife, says I "That's you," And I guess it sot her a-thinkin',

Says I to myself, that sermon's pat, But man is a queer creation, And I am much afraid that most of tolks Won't take the application. Now, if he had said one word about My personal mode of sinnin', I'd have gone to work to right myself, A not sit there a grinnin'.

Just then the minister says, says, "And now I've some to the fellers Who've lost this shower by usin' their friends

As a sort o' moral umbrella; Go home," says he, 'and-find your faults, Instead of huntin' your brothers', Go home," says he "and wear the coats You tried to fit for others."

My wife she nudged, and Brown he winked, And there was lots o' smilin'. And lots o' looking at our pow. It sot my blood a biliu', Sava I to myself, our minister Is gittin' a httle bitter,

Pil tell him when the meetin's out, I nin't that kind of a critter. A LITTLE VALENTINE.

BY RUTH HAYS.

It was the dreariest, rainiest day of the whole winter. The morning had been snowy, and everybody had made plans for rleighing or consting, or snow balling, when suddenly it changed its mind and began to rain, a heavy, monotonous down-pour that very soon put a different face on the matter. Everything looked forlorn. The streets were aukle deep in slush; the trees the gloomy sky, and even the irre- ged little boy sauntered up. pressible sparrows bad retired in

disgust.

able loange, deep in a delightful able can't," answered the boy.

"She can't," answered the boy.

"She's lame. Open the door if yer wanter see her."

Helen opened the door a little

they come from f"

really couldn't speak.

Aunt Kate laughed. "Why, yes, will you do with them I cut them

Cut them up? Helen looked aghast. Indeed she wouldn't. She should send them, every one.

senseless things !" "They're lovely!" cried Helen, indignantly. "Disn't you think so the dignified Boberts, hiding a when you got 'em f 1 know who'll think they're beautifut!"

think they're beautifut!"

the dignified Boberts, hiding a smile. "Said she was the valentine postman, sir." "Weil, who then !"

Helen political in a determined a little. "What child was it ?" fashion. "You know 'Paradise "Don't know, sir. Lives down give one to every little girl on the occurrence.

street—far as they'll go. Can't As Mr. Granger went down town auntie ?"

and told Helen the day after to-morrow would be Valentine's Day, and then she bundled up Helen's "Yes, please," said Helen, shyly, had quite forgotten, and told her to a pretty one 17 run off with them, while she her-Heleu had thought of some one you to send it to me !" else to whom she wanted to send a ger up at the corner of Hyde street. And-and-I thought you'd like it. He's forlorner than those chil. Didn't you !" with sudden doubt, dren, she reasoned, which might her face clouding. have surprised Mr. Granger a little, out Helen's papa a dozen times you. Did you send anybody else over. "He must be awful lonesome, any ?"

nobody but that butler man to talk "Oh yes!" Miss Helen grew talkto. Nobody to eat dinner with, nor alive at once, trotting along by his to give him presents Christmases side as if she were his little grandnor birthdays, nor any times. He daughter, and telling him of her looks like a nice old man, and I'm adventures in Paradise Row. awful sorry for him. And this is so nice to do things for people all such a pretty little valentine. It says, 'I think of thee,' and that's woundup. "And they were so pleas-

better."

in this house, please? Four, you very polite good-morning and was said T" and then she put four pret- gone. ty little valentines in the astonished woman's bands, and smiled couon she went to the next house.

And all along the street delight- them "his own selt." to the windows to stare at the lit-tle "postman" till she was out of sight, "Paradise Row" didn't know A week or two after this Mr. what to make of it.

At the last house Helen knocked in vain. Just as she was turning stood black and dripping against away, in doubt what to do, a rag-"Taint no use knocking there,"

he volunteered. Nobody's to home But there were two people who but Polly, an' she can't come." were entirely oblivious of the storm.

"Who's Polly ?" queried Miss

Helen, "and why can't she ?"

had gone away for a few days, way and peoped in. It opened into and Aunt Kate had really not a narrow hall, not very clean, known what to do with the rest- so she stepped maide and knocked less little girl, till she had suddenly at an inner door. A faint, sharp thought of the big box. And a voice called, "Come in," and open-Helen had found treasures aglore; the thinnest child she ever saw, silks and ribbons, muslins and laces, who sat close to the feeble fire, feathers and flowers. Why, if Aunt | wrapped in an old shawl, and who Kate gave her half the pile she had looked up with a bit of a nod, say-

and looked at everything to her cheeks flushed. It was pretty to

She gave on ecstatic little cry as and learned that Polly had fellen she opened this, and Aunt Kufe down stairs two years ago, and looked up, smiling. "Why, valen-tines!" cried Helen. "Be-yoo tiful any brothers or sisters, and her valentines! Oh, anutic, where did mother "went out to day's work." But there were two more little girls "Oh—sent me when I was young in the house. "And isn't that fun-ages ago," said Aunt Kate, who my," said Helen, "for Pre just got two valentines left. You give em Helen was turning them over each one, please. And good-bye, with eager little flugers. These Polly. I'll come and see you again were most charming of all. Such some day." And the mail being gold and silver filegree, such beso- exhausted, the "valentine postman"

were loss of them, in the and big. | had delivered first of all, ringing | She looked up imploringly. She at the door like a real postman. So it came to pass when the stately old gentleman came down to breakchild, take them if you want them - tast, there beside his plate lay the foolish things! But what on earth little embossed envelope-he was the only one honored with an euvelope - addressed in a child's scrawling hand. He stared at it in amazement, which increased as be opened it and drew out the little "Nonsense, child! Aunt Kate valentine. "Where did this absurd said: "Send them where? Such thing come from ?" be demanded,

almost angrily."
"Little girl left it, sir," answered

"Humph !" Mr. Granger coughed

Row,' don't you? that borrid little on the next street, believe, sir," and poor street, where there's such lots then, as his master addressed himof ragged little boys and girls, self to his breakfast, the discreet They'll like 'em. I could put them Robert hastened to serve him, as in a bag, just like a postman, and if valentines were an every-day

give little boys any, won't be after breakfast, it chanced that he enough, and any way, poor little met little Miss Helen on her homegirls look ferlorner 'n boys. When ward way, and something in the is it time to send valentines, quick, inquiring glauce she gave him made him suddenly stop as he So auntle looked at her calendar passed, and say: "Did you send

pile of treasures, which the child smiling and dimpling. "Wasn't it Mr. Granger smiled too.

"Why," said Helen, "because valentine. This was old Mr. Gran- you live all alone-and I was sorry.

"It was very nice indeed, said for he lived in by the finest house Mr. Granger promptly. "Very nice in the town, and could have bought indeed, and I am much obliged to

what I do, and I want him to have ed, you can't think, especially Polit. Perhaps 'twill make him feel ly."

Then Mr. Granger wanted to Valentine's day came, bright and know who Polly was, so Helen told he came back and I did not know clear, and Helen was out early him, and then, as they reached the with her little bag. "I'm the corner where she turned to go home, over. I took out \$1 and banded it with her little bag. "I'm the corner where sate to the which are in the said, with a queer little twinkle in his eye. "So you thought those in his eye. "So you thought those in this State is three cents a mile—little girls and I were the most form people you knew, did you? lorn people you knew, did you? from her hands on her soiled aprou. I hope they are as much obliged as | ter in what direction, and get the "How many little girls are there I am." And then he bade her a conductor to put you off in the

But the little valentine preached through the woods for a new life.' a sermon to him that morning. fidingly at her. "One apiece," she He had given a great deal of money aim. I got a letter from him the said brightly. "Good bye;" and to charitable objects in his day, but other day and he said that he got never yet had he done anything for Was it too ed children first stared in wonder late? And this child had actually at the valentines, and then crowded pitied him, and tried to make him

> Granger's carriage came to the door fast she never noticed whither they went, till the carriage stopped bebospital. And there, in a conning fittle room, in a clean white bed, they found Polly. She was very glad to see Helen, and when Mr. Granger left them together a while she told how good be was-how he had sent ber bere to stay till she was cored ("They say I shall get quite, quite well," she said gladly), and how he had given her that new chair, so comfortable, us good as a bed, and she sat up in it every day.

And everybody was good to her, and she was so happy here.
"What made you think to be so good to Polly !" asked Helen, in

Senate,"

STRUCK FOR THE WOODS.

A Man Who Took Sam Jones' Advice Literally and Come Out Well.

From the Atlanta Constitution. Here is a story that Sam Jones told in the First Methodist pulpit last week. He said:

"I was making a probibition speech in Robertson county, Tenn., last year, and I noticed on the right of the platform a bleared, bloated fellow who was about three parts drunk-each part a third, As I talked be would screw his fist into his eyes and wipe away the tears. After the speaking I went to a friend's house perfectly exhausted and lay down. The lady of the house called at the door in a few minutes that a man wanted to see

"Tell bim I am tired,' I said, 'and please excuse me.'

"That is all pight,' she suid, 'anyhow, because he is a drunken, ragged vagabond.

"I said: 'If he is that sort of a fellow let him in. I usedto belong to that gang myself, and I never go back on them.' The man came in and I found be was the drunken fellow who had listened to me speak.

"He said: 'Mr. Jones, I don't want any money. Money can do me no good. I am a ruined man. Drink has made me a wreck. A short time ago I had a happy home run off with them, while she herself put away the rest before dark.

But before Valentine's day came,

But before Valentine's day came,

But before Valentine's day came, before she died. My two boys are at the orphans' home in Nashville. One of them is a little blind fellow. My two girls are in Murfreesboro, and this (here he pulled a little black cap out of his pocket), this is the last thing that is left to remind me that I ever had a household. It is my little blind boy's cap. Now, I do not went any money from you, but I just got au idea from the way you talked that maybe you had some sympathy for me. It you have, pray for me. Good-bye.' And he

> "Hold on here," said I, and I called up Mr. Taylor, my secretary, and said: "Frank, go up town with this man and wash him all over with soap and put a new suit of clothes on him from head to foot, and bring him back.' In an hour or so woods when your thirty-three miles

started off.

"The fellow did exactly as I told into the woods and struck for a new life. He got a school, sent for his children, rented him a home and was doing well."

Sound .- The Crystal Springs Meteor, under its new management one day, and that gentleman invi. is one of the spiciest papers in the ted little Miss Helen to go with him State and well edited. The fellowto call on Polly. Miss Helen was ing short article from its last issue very happy and chattered away so covers the whole ground, and is ap-

"Let each citizens resolve and fore a big brick building, set in a wide, grassy yard. "Why, abe dou't live here," cried Helen; but Mr. Granger only smiled and led and debate the possibilities of self-Mr. Granger only smiled and led the public weal. Meet in council her in. And it was the children's and debate the possibilities of selfreliance. If there are enterprises looking to the general good within the reach of home men start these enterprises, that others, seeing this good work of self reliance, will appland and seek a community whose people are moved by a spirit of progress and help themselves. Every cammunity possesses the dormant energy to better its condition. Arouse that energy and push on."

The missing link is generally despair Aunt Kate bidden her put all she wanted into one heap to be pronounced upon the end. And now just as the dreary day was darkening in the carriage going the carriage going home, and old Mr. Granger said, "A little valentibe." uickest Route now just as the dreary day was "Oh my!" cried Polly, in her retire Gen. Alfred Picasanton on darkening into night, Helen had shurp little voice, aint it pretty!" the rank and pay of Colonel. Gen. or eached the bottom of the trunk Her eyes danced and the thin C. E. Hooker, a one armed ex-Coning seen a species of monkeys open. tederate of this State, made the lug systems with stones. They car-closing speech on this bill. The ry the stones down from high-waheart's content, except into the flat see her pleasure.

Then Helen stayed a few minutes Cincinnati Commercial Gazette's ter mark to the ovsters at low-wa-Washington correspondent thus al- ter mark, and strike at the base of lades to Gen. Hooker: "And so, the upper valve of the shell until it under the lead of as gallant an offi-cer as ever headed a charge against the meat with thumb and floger or the Union bues, the House, responding with applause, put itself ou record as meting out most tardy justice to ar aged, stricken Union veteran. Now let the soldiers of the country keep their eyes on the Senate? A baseball field is no good that to have got as far as the stone age, or the age of using stones for tools.

The wasp bas one strong point, but it is not in his laver.